

PANAMA TRADE AGREEMENTS

Operating Free Trade Agreements (8):

Chile, Singapore, China (Taiwan), Central America (Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua).

Agreements under implementation (1):

European Union (all countries are adjusting their local norms)

Agreements requiring partner's formal sanction (2):

Canada and United States.

Limited Commercial Agreements (3):

Colombia, México and the Dominican Republic

Agreements under negotiation (1):

Peru

Agreements on hold (1):

Colombia (Free Trade Agreement)

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Human Development Index rank:

#60 of 182 countries (2009) – High Human Development. (Source: UN)

Population

3.5 Million (1.8 MM men, 1.7 MM women; 1.8 MM in Province of Panama)

Annual growth rate: 1.6%

Literacy rate:

95% (General Lifestyle Survey, 2008. Contraloría General de la República)

Public spending on education and culture:

4.6% of GDP (Contraloría General de la República, 2009)

Life expectancy:

76 years; 4th highest in Latin America (World Health Organization, year 2008)

Political and press freedom:

1.5 (1= most free; 7= least free) (Freedom House)

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